



FamilySearch Community

Objectives

By the end of this class, you will learn:

- How to navigate the FamilySearch Community.
- How to post/answer questions in the FamilySearch Community

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Purpose: The FamilySearch Community is an online resource that helps people interested in family history connect with each other worldwide.

To get started in the FamilySearch Community, go to: <https://community.familysearch.org>

Landing Page

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Community landing page. At the top is the FamilySearch logo and navigation links: Community Home, FamilySearch Help, Suggest an Idea, and Groups. On the right are icons for a globe, help, notifications, email, and a user profile. The main banner reads "Welcome to the FamilySearch Community!" with the tagline "Where you can find your answers from others who may know." Below the banner is a search bar labeled "Search" with a magnifying glass icon, marked with a red "1". Below the search bar are four highlighted category boxes, marked with a red "2": "1950 US Census" (with a shield icon), "FamilySearch Help" (with a group of people icon), "Suggest an Idea" (with a lightbulb icon), and "Groups" (with a group of people icon). Below these are three tabs: "Trending Discussions" (marked with a red "3"), "Answer a Question" (marked with a red "4"), and "Announcements" (marked with a red "5"). The "Trending Discussions" tab is active, showing a discussion titled "Can we please have an 'Attach' button on viewed sources?" with details about a godmother's death record. Below the discussion is a "Blank search results" message. On the right side, there is a "Quick Links" section (marked with a red "6") with buttons for "Contact Us", "Free Research Consultation", "My Groups", "My Bookmarks" (0), "My Discussions" (0), and "My Drafts" (0). Below that is a "Categories" section (marked with a red "7") showing a list of categories and their counts: "All Categories" (20.9K), "1950 US Census", "FamilySearch Help", "Get Involved" (74), and "General Questions" (2.2K).

1. **Search Box** – This is where you can search for a question, answer, discussion, topic, or group. You can either hit the search button or select from the dropdown menu that appears.
2. **Highlighted Categories** – These top four boxes are highlighted categories.
3. **Trending Discussions** – Selecting this option allows you to see discussions that are popular or currently have a lot of activity.

4. **Answer a Question** – Select this option to see questions that still do not have answers.
5. **Announcements** – Select this option to see announcements
6. **Quick Links** – These links will send you to the groups, bookmarks, discussions, or drafts that you have created.
7. **Categories** – This is an expanded list of all the categories that are currently listed in the Community.

Group Page

The screenshot shows the 'France Genealogy Research' group page. At the top, there is a header with a home link and the group name. Below this is a profile section with a circular logo (1), the group name (2), and member information including owner, leaders, creation date, member count, and privacy settings (3). A blue 'Options' button is also present. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Announcements' (4) and 'Discussions' (5). The 'Announcements' section lists four posts with details like title, content, views, comments, and dates. The 'Discussions' section shows two active discussions with titles, views, comments, and dates. A blue 'New Discussion' button (6) is located at the top right of the discussions section.

1. **Group Name**
2. **Group Member Information** – Here you can see the owner, leaders, and see a list of the members.
3. **Options** – This allows you to leave the group.
4. **Announcements** – These are announcements for the group. Check back periodically as they may change from time to time. You may also find resource links.
5. **Discussions** – These are the different discussions, questions, or events posted to the group.
6. **New Discussion** – This button allows you to create a new discussion, question, or event for the group. Click here to get your own questions answered.